

The Towers Newsletter

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 **SEPTEMBER** 2022



September will be an exciting and busy time in the life of our church! School will begin soon and it will be good to have folks back in worship as they return from much needed time away this summer.

The Pastor Search committee will begin their work, seeking the candidate that God has been preparing to come lead SCC into out next chapter of life and ministry. Please continue to pray for the search committee as they begin this important work.

We also have lots of events happening in and around worship this month. On September 4th we will welcome Pastor Michael in worship to baptize Blair Louise Chambers. On September 11th , we will have Sunday School promotion and the blessing of the backpacks. We will also welcome first responders to worship and treat them to lunch after. (Please see the related article in the newsletter on you can help with this important event.) On September 18th we will celebrate Doris Cones' 100th birthday after worship, and On September 25th, we will have a luncheon after church to celebrate Mary Huber's 35 years of service at Suffolk Christian Church. Please plan to join us for each of these special events.

On Wednesday September 7th, we are starting a new grief support group, open to all members and friends who have lost a loved one. You are welcome to join us at 3:30 p.m. on September 7th as we begin this journey together.

As we enter this busy season, I am so grateful to everyone who works so joyfully and tirelessly to help SCC be a beacon on Main Street. Thank you to each of you and all of you for your service to Christ and the church.

It's an honor to be on the journey with you, Tracy

You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!

Go to: YouTube.com
Suffolk Christian Live Worship
Subscribe

You also find us on:
www.suffolkchristian.org
Facebook



Reporting on Missions...

September's Yellow Envelope Mission: NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Board of Deacons recently voted to implement a new local mission for September which was named "Neighbors in Need." An idea was introduced at a Town Hall meeting recently that perhaps we could minister to our community by handing out gift cards for food to those we encounter who are asking for help.



We will take the money donated to this mission and buy gift cards in small denominations (perhaps \$10-\$20) to grocery stores and fast food restaurants. Anyone from the congregation can volunteer to become a part of this mission by carrying a few of these cards with you and when you are out if you see someone who appears to need help or someone approaches you asking for help, you can share a gift card with them. Please let any deacon know if you would like to participate. We hope you will support this new effort to share God's love with those who need a helping hand.

Beyond Our Shores:

*Thank you for your donations for Shear (pronounced Shay-ear) who is the child in Haiti we are helping. As you know we have sent financial assistance to provide physical therapy for him, as well as a needed orthopedic brace. The latest news about him is not good. The circulation in one of his feet is slowing down and the doctors may have to amputate. He needs our prayers even more right now. We will keep you informed of his condition. As always your dollars in the collection plate (as well as any check to SCC for him) will help us be able to continue to support his recovery.



"The next meeting of the **Care and Concern Committee** will take place on September 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at church. We hope you will consider joining us at this meeting to learn more about the services this Committee provides to our church congregation. We meet only twice a year. If you have any questions or would like to know more about Care and Concern, feel free to contact Elaine Abernathy or Claudia Salmon. We hope to see you at our September meeting."

Elaine Abernathy Co-Facilitators of
Claudia Salmon Care and Concern

Applesauce (Individual Cups); Snacks (Granola Bars, Nabs, Individual Packs of Nuts), Oatmeal (Individual Servings), Pop Tarts; Noodles, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni, Rice (1 lb. Bags), Dried Beans, Canned Vegetables, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Protein Shakes, Boxed Milk, Bottled Water, and Flavor Packets for Water Bottles



Doris Cones turns 100 years old
on September 10th!

Let's Celebrate

Sunday, September 18, 2022

2-4 PM

Suffolk Christian Church

216N. Main Street

Suffolk, VA 23434



Please enter the church at the north door. No gifts, please, but cards are welcomed!

Doris' address:

Accordius Healthcare at Nansemond Pointe

200 W. Constance Road, Apt. 228

Suffolk, VA 23434



If anyone would like to join the Board of Ushers, there is a sign-up sheet outside the office! You may also sign up on the bulletin board to be a greeter or worship leader!

*Grief Support Group, Wednesdays,
September 7*

We are offering a grief support group on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m., beginning September 7th. We'll be working together to support each other as we journey through our own grief. Even if your loss is not recent, you are welcome. Please email the church office at suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com if you would like to attend.



Sept. 2 Charlie Rice
Sept. 4 Joshua Allen
Sept. 5 Annie Copeland
Sept. 8 Mary Lou Bradshaw
Sept. 8 Wendy Forbes Dunaway
Sept. 9 Pat Mann
Sept. 10 Doris Cones
Sept. 10 Alex Banton
Sept. 13 Kitty Martin
Sept. 14 Calvin Jones
Sept. 14 Michael Reid
Sept. 14 Lynne Garner
Sept. 15 Olivia Fleming
Sept. 15 Joyce Trump
Sept. 15 Vicki Winslow
Sept. 15 Chip Setnicky
Sept. 20 Adam Briggs
Sept. 21 Mike Brinkley
Sept. 21 Margaret Beamon
Sept. 21 Nancy Pichel
Sept. 22 David Darden, Jr.
Sept. 22 Bill Shumate
Sept. 24 Art Blausey, Jr.
Sept. 24 Nathan Wilson
Sept. 25 Mark Johnson
Sept. 25 David Parker
Sept. 25 Katherine Wilson
Sept. 26 Glenn Ellis
Sept. 26 Jenifer Griffin
Sept. 27 Kenny Griffin
Sept. 27 Jonathan Martin
Sept. 28 Claire Skillen

WELCOME
BACK, CHOIR

Chancel Bell Choir will resume
September 15 at 6:45 pm.
Chancel Choir will resume
September 15 at 7:30 pm.
King's Ringers will resume
September 18 at 9:30 am.

**New members are welcome!! See Sean
Bilby or Janet Rock for details.**



Donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Edward G. Roberts have been given by Robert and Jean Brinkley, Robert and Dinah Everett, Pete and Mary Meador, John P. Matous, Jr., Suffolk Lions Club, Curtiss and Betty Johnson

A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Roger C. Stone, Jr. has been given by Frank and Bobbie Piland

A donation to the Food Pantry in memory of James (Jim) M. Culliton, Jr., has been given by Terry and Irma Mottley

Stewardship Report

*"We are Walking by Faith
through Commitment"*



January 2022 - Church Family Assistance - \$615.00

February 2022 - Meals on Wheels - \$785.00

March 2022 - Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$840.00

April 2022 - Winter Shelter - \$750.00

May 2022 - SCC Scholarship - \$880.00

June 2022 - CAPS - \$1,015.00

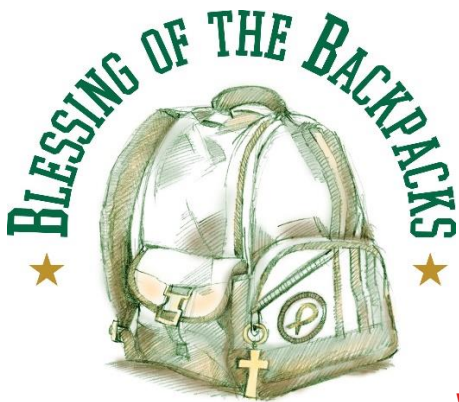
July 2022 - Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$770.00

August 2022 - Genevieve Shelter - \$785.00

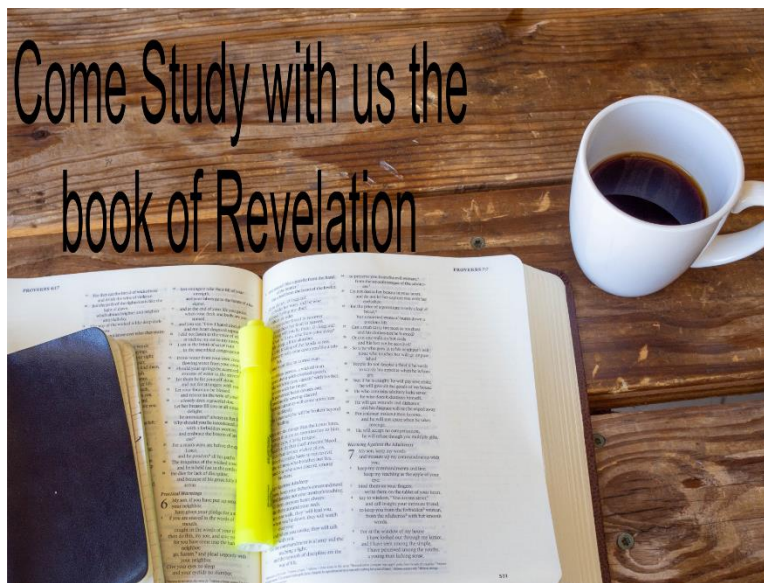
First Responders Churchwide Picnic



The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring a churchwide picnic on Sunday, September 11th, from 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm to honor all the First Responders of the City of Suffolk. You all are invited to attend. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. The BoCE will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. We need help to set up the morning of the picnic and to clean up afterward. If you have a pop-up tent we can borrow that day, please bring it to the church. If you can help with set up or clean up, please contact Priscilla Bunch @ pbunch121@gmail.com.

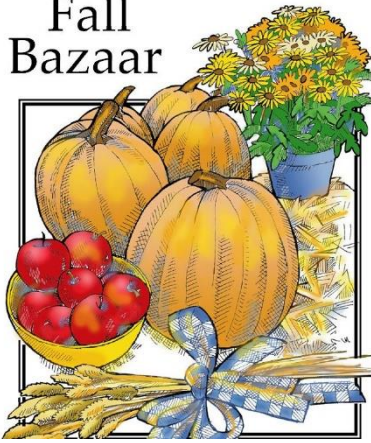


We will be having our annual Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, September 11th, at 9:30 am in the church sanctuary. Please have your children bring their backpacks for this ceremony. Also, if you are an adult and carry a backpack to work/school, please bring your backpack as well.



The book of Revelation is one of the books of the Bible that mystifies and unsettles people the most. We will start this study on **Tuesday evenings beginning September 13th @ 7:00 pm and Wednesday mornings September 14th @ 10:00 am**. In this six-session study, Bible teacher and author Margaret Feinberg digs into John's Revelation to show us how the final book of the Bible reminds us of God's power and promises during times of great suffering and persecution. The study guides will cost between \$12.00 - \$16.00 depending on where I can order them. This would be a great study for men and women. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to attend the study on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. If you would like for Priscilla to order you a study guide, please indicate it as well on the sign-up sheet outside of the office on the bulletin board.

Fall Bazaar



Saturday, November 5th

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring our annual Fall Bazaar. If you have any items you can donate for our Country Store, please contact Priscilla Bunch. If you know anyone who would like to be a vendor, please have them contact Priscilla Bunch by email @ pbunch121@gmail.com. You can also give them Priscilla's home phone #. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the Board of Christian Education office. Please invite your friends to come out for some good food, fun and fellowship.

**PICK UP
A
PLATE OF
BBQ**

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18
11-2
PICK UP ONLY**

CAPTAIN BOB'S

BBQ, Fried Chicken, Coleslaw,
Hushpuppies, Mac 'n cheese

\$13.00

Pick up at
Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church
3488 Godwin Blvd
Suffolk, VA 23434

Support the
Coalition Against Poverty
in
Suffolk

Purchase tickets through any CAPS member church
or call the office at 757-935-5497
Purchase online at www.capsuffolk.org/bbq

A cartoon illustration of a smiling pig wearing a white chef's hat and a white apron over a red shirt. The pig is holding a silver platter with a white dome-shaped lid.



September

Daily Scripture Reading Plan

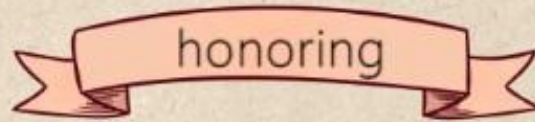
Day #1:	1 Thessalonians 5:16-18	Day #16:	Luke 6:27-28
Day #2:	1 Timothy 2:8	Day #17:	Ezra 8:20-23
Day #3:	Hebrews 4:14	Day #18:	Jeremiah 33:3
Day #4:	James 4:1-3	Day #19:	Romans 12:12
Day #5:	James 5:12-16	Day #20:	Romans 8:26
Day #6:	Philippians 4:6-7	Day #21:	1 Peter 4:7
Day #7:	Jeremiah 29:12	Day #22:	11 Chronicles 7:12-14
Day #8:	Psalms 5:1-3	Day #23:	Job 42:10
Day #9:	Psalms 19:10-14	Day #24:	Proverbs 15:29
Day #10:	Psalms 18:1-6	Day #25:	1 Chronicles 16:11
Day #11:	1 John 5:14-15	Day #26:	Ephesians 1:18
Day #12:	Mark 11:20-24	Day #27:	Ephesians 6:18
Day #13:	Matthew 26:41-42	Day #28:	Matthew 6:9-13
Day #14:	Matthew 18:20	Day #29:	Psalms 145:18
Day #15:	Colossians 4:1-3	Day #30:	Psalms 141:2

Commit to reading your bible 10 minutes daily. Write down the scripture and how you can apply it to your life.



Join us for a

Retirement Celebration



MARY HUBER

35 Years of Dedicated Christian Service at
Suffolk Christian Church



Sunday, September 25th, 2022

Worship Service 11:00am

Luncheon 12:00pm

Please RSVP by September
18th on the church bulletin
board outside the church office
or call Cheryl Ashcraft at
757-418-4553.



September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
				1 10:00am Thursday Crafters	2 11:30am Meals on Wheels 6-8:45pm Game Night	3
4 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	5 Labor Day 	6 1:00pm Saints Alive	7 3:30pm Grief Support Group 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed 7:00pm Music Committee 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	8 10:00am Prayer Team 10:00am Thursday Crafters	9 11:30am Meals on Wheels	10 
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